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Seasons Greetings

Parents And Friends of Gays Ready To Go

Marlene Milner is on a roll and nothing is going to stop her. A long time active member of P.F.L.A.G., Marlene believes the time has come for the community to get involved. "The parents group needs the involvement of the gay community" she said recently at a Board Meeting of the Pikes Peak Gay Community Center. "The Denver P.F.L.A.G. meetings average about 150 persons and most of them are gay!"

P.F.L.A.G. has been in existance in Colorado Springs for quite a few years. While being run by Muriel Davis, the group has been able to develop a file of printed materials and a list of valuable contacts. Muriel is still actively involved in the group (along with several other parents) but has stepped down from the co-ordinators position to take a well deserved break.

Printed materials are available for both the gay community (on how to come out to your parents) and to the parents titled - "About Our Children." If you would like to get on the groups mailing list. Or if you know someone who could use their services, call 635-7917 and ask for extension 723. If you get the recording, leave your first name (only) and phone number. A volunteer will call you back! Or, you can write to them at P.F.L.A.G., P. O. Box 212, 3624 Citadel Dr. North, Colo. Spgs. Co 80909.

Parents and Friends of Gays applied for support group status at the last board meeting of P.P.G.C.C. and was unanimously voted in. Marlene Milner will be representing the group at all future board meetings.

P.F.L.A.G. meets on the first tuesday of each month (next meeting is January 7th) at 7:00 pm. If you would like the location of the meeting you can either call them or the Helpline (471-4GAY.)

C.A.R.E.- Phone Installed - 635-2333

C.A.R.E. the Community AIDS Resource Exchange has had their phone installed and began taking calls on Thanksgiving Day. Calls are being handled both in their office and (call forwarding) at their homes.

If you have a problem, fear or just an unanswered question- these are the people to call. The core group has just completed an extensive training program thru Hospice and has already started their own training program for new volunteers.

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer can do so by calling C.A.R.E. and leaving a message for Richard.

"Sing We Merry Gentlemen"

If you have ever seen the Denver Gay Men's Chorus, you don't have to read any further. All you need to know is that they will be doing their Christmas Show on December 8th, at 8:00 p.m. at the Boettcher Concert Hall in Denver. If you have not had the experience of seeing this 72 member group perform on stage, you don't know what you are missing. To put it simply, they are good.

For the price of a ticket ($7.00, $10.00 or $15.00, depending on where you want to sit) you can listen to some of the best entertainment in Colorado and help the hearing impaired at the same time.

Backed by a 17 piece orchestra, the show will also feature performances by "Applause" and "The Dial-Tones," two smaller groups made up of members of the Chorus. Also as an added feature, Soprano Rita Orona will be performing with the group.

Tickets are on sale now at Trilogy Books, Category 6, Designer Studios and the Crypt in Denver. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Executive Committee Formed

At their last Board meeting, the Board of Directors of P.P.G.C.C. approved the creation of the Executive Committee. This committee is made up of the 6 people voted into office by the members of the center, last September. They are: Dan Craig (President), Shelly K. (Vice-president), Michelle A. (Sec./Treasurer), Roger Webb (Speakers Bureau), Dan Lykins (Editor of GaySpeak) and Harry Staub (Helpline Co-ordinator.)

The purpose of the committee is to be able to take some of the strain off of the Board meetings. With the growth of P.P.G.C.C., there are more people attending the monthly meetings. More groups are being heard from. More projects and ideas planned and morediscussion needed to take care of business. All of this is the way it should be.

One of the first things the Executive Committee will tackle will be coming up with a format for future Board meetings. Something that will enable everyone a chance to address the group and at the same time keep the meeting moving as quickly and efficiently as possible. This committee will not be making decisions without the approval of the Board of Directors. That is not their goal. What they will be doing is setting up agendas, coming up with ideas and working out some of the problems that tie up the regular meetings. All items considered by the Executive Committee will be brought up for the Boards approval at their monthly meeting.

Winter Cotillion

On December 8, 1985, the Imperial Court of Southern Colorado will sponsor "Toys for Tots" fund raiser with our Winter Cotillion event. The Court's theme this year is "Babes in Toyland". We invite all the different organizations to participate. Each organization is also invited to send two representatives from their family. (one debutante and one escort.)
The debutante is to wear a white floor length dress. The escort is to wear appropriate formal wear. All debutantes and escorts shall be judged on appearance, gracefullness of Waltz style dancing and a final bow before the Imperial Family. From all debutantes and escorts shall be crowned a Prince and Princess of Snow.

Admission: A toy with a $5.00 value or $5.00
Date: 8 December, 1985 (Sunday)
Time: 6 pm (doors open at 5:30)
Where: Grand Ball Room at the Clarion Hotel

Congratulations To The Exit

Congratulations are in order to Dan and his staff on the 22nd Anniversary of the Exit. Hard to believe that they have been here serving the Colorado Springs Gay Community for that long, but it's true.
If you are in the area, stop by and say hello. It really is like visiting with an old friend. Even with the recent major face-lift, Dan has managed to maintain that comfy, cozy atmosphere which makes the Exit a friendly neighborhood bar.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:
"Buy Gay"
Connie Seay, co-editor of the Source, needs to read the publication she is co-editing. Specifically page 6 of the November, 1985 edition which state "Buy Gay! The job you save may be your **lovers!"** Then read page 1, "The Party" and page 12 "Holiday Hop!" of the same issue.
It seems ironic to me that while we claim to be concerned about saving gay's jobs, the Network is willing to give their business to a straight bar during the holidays. The Imperial Court was also willing to hold their 10th Anniversary at the "straight" Falcon Inn. And this at a time when gay businesses have to contend with the AIDS scare and tough DUI laws.
Colorado Spring's has five bars/restaurants within the gay community that could have handled the Court's 10th anniversary, and could easily handle the Network's "Holiday Hop" (the Exit, Henri's, 2735 Club, the Annex, an the Hide and Seek). And these gay businesses have as good or better facilities, not to mention a helluva better atmosphere.
If gay organizations seek to hold their activities at straight businesses, then they should ask those same straight businesses to support them when it comes time for fundraisers, for cash, for prizes, for support and places to hang their posters. Then turn around and ask any one of the five gay businesses mentioned above and see who comes through.
Gay men and women should think twice before supporting a function sponsored by a gay organization at a straight business. And gay organizations should think twice before asking them to do it.
Joe Brady

Dear Joe,
To address your concern about the Holiday Party being held in a non-gay facility. First, it should be clarified that this is a community party being promoted and supported by the majority of gay organizations and support groups in Colorado Springs. NOT just the Network.
Last Year's sellout Christmas Party held at Henri's (a gay sensitive, not gay business) WAS sponsored exclusively by the Network. Perhaps this is where the confusion has come into play.
In the past, the SOURCE, as a community organization-gay newspaper has made an all-out effort to work with gay business's whenever possible. The Network and the Imperial Court have encouraged the community to do the same. Herein lies the problem. It's NOT ALWAYS possible to hold events in gay facilities. This could be true for a variety of reasons: cost, size of facility, ability to provide food necessary, availability at a particular time or date, atmosphere etc.
After all, the gay Community is a part of the much larger Colorado Springs Community. Gay-sensitive establishments have purchased advertising in the SOURCE, and have supported the gay community by providing the use of their facilities for our activities and by their participation at the Block Party.
Yes we do advertise "Buy Gay", and yes we do ask our readers to support Gay businesses. We do not expect that they will never again read another newspaper in this town except the Source, because the Source is the only Gay Newspaper in Colorado Springs. But we do ask that they give us their support because we do have their best interests at heart.
The Editors

To Our Readers,
The SOURCE appreciates any and all comments, views and opinions from our readers. If you have something you would like to say-drop us a line.

January Deadline

The deadline for the January issue is December 25th.

Center Working To Support Itself

In the past the Pikes Peak Gay Community Center has relied mainly on grants to keep their doors open. Fund raisers and donations from the community have been a big help...but not enough to swing it alone. Although they will continue to seek monies from outside sources, the Board has also initiated actions to help the center stand on it's own. Several groups which meet on a regular basis have already started collecting dues from their members. The dues are on a voluntary basis and range anywhere from 10 to 50 cents per person per meeting. It may not sound like much but think of all the people in the community who are members of these groups. Think of them and thank them for caring whether or not the Community Center has the funds to continue .

The second step taken was asking the groups and organizations who use the center on a regular basis to start paying rent. This idea was accepted immediately by both Maranatha and Pikes Peak M.C.C. Between the two of them they covered just about half of the months rent. Thanks again to both of these groups. Step three was the Boards decision to appoint a Fund Raising Chairperson. Someone whose responsibility it will be to make sure the Center has a steady source of income. That someone is Cab Shepard.

Cab is a very active member of the Community and already has several ideas in the planning stage for the next couple of months. First on his list will be the distribution of donation cans in local gay business's. These cans will be conspicuously placed and will allow the community to donate, when they can. Look for them to start showing up sometime this month.

Next on the list of things to do is the Valentines Day Dance. The committee has already put quite a few hours into the planning of this event and several places are being looked at for location. More information will be available as we get it. This brings up the final part of this article. Something which the community hears a lot of. Cab and his committee need help. They cannot do this on their own. They would like ideas from other members of the community and they need volunteers to keep the ball rolling. If you are interested in volunteering a couple of hours a month, please, give Cab a call at 574-8220, or call Dan at 475-1214 and leave a message. Out of all the pleas for volunteers in this paper, this group promises to be one of the most rewarding and the most fun.

Lesbian Support Group

The Women's Group which meets on Wednesday nights, has changed it's name. They are now known as the Lesbian Support Group and requested at the last Board Meeting of the Community Center that the newspapers and Helpline update their information. If you would like further information on this group, contact the Helpline at 471-4GAY.

Royal Court Of The Annex To Hold Coronation

The Royal Court of the Annex has announced that it will be staging it's first Coronation to elect a new King & Queen for the coming year.

Candidates who are running for these titles are as follows: for King: Cheryl, Becky and Tina. For Queen: Marcella, Crystal and Miss Erika (of Pueblo.)

The event will be held at the Annex on the evening of Sunday, December 8th. The nights schedule is as follows - 8:00 to 9:30 p.m. - Voting, 9:30 to 10:00 p.m. - Counting of Votes, 10:00 p.m. - Show and Crowning.

The show will be comprised of candidate entrances and the following guest performers: Tracy Diane, Beverly Hills and the Hosts of the evening L'Schelle and Erica Courtland. Admission to Coronation will be $2.00 at the door.

The Royal Court of the Annex is in no way affiliated with either the Annex of the Hide & Seek complex or with the Imperial Court of Southern Colorado but is an independent organization operating individually on its own.

Conny Seay hawking tickets for community Christmas Party "Holiday Hop," at P.P.M.C.C. banquet.

Holiday Hop Tickets Still Available

By Conny Seay

The holiday season is upon us and it's time to "Don Your Gay Apparel" for the Holiday Hop. The Hop is only one of the many events that will be held by the Gay Community to celebrate this special season. The date has been set for December 14, 1985 from 3:00 pm. until 7:00 pm. at Grahams, 3910 N. Palmer Park.

Last year, the Network organized a Christmas dinner and dance held at Henri's which was sold out the week prior. In order to reach more people for this years celebration, nine community organizations are involved in preparing for the Holiday Hop and a larger location has been reserved.

Grahams is a gay-sensitive establishment and is providing lots of party munchies and all you want of non-alcoholic drinks, beer, wine, and well drinks for just $7.00. Of course, no party is complete without good music and a spacious dance floor. So you'll be glad to know that Grahams has the largest dance floor in Colorado Springs!

Join your family of friends in a festive spirit at the Holiday Hop. Tickets must be sold in advance and they are available from most community support groups or by call the Helpline at 471-4GAY.

Bulletin Board Space Available

Have a room to rent? Need someplace to live? Are you a gay business owner with an available job position? How about a gay individual wanting to work for a gay business?

Well what are you supposed to do? Of course there is the classified section in the Source, but sometimes waiting until the 5th of next month is not the most practical way to go about advertising. Well now there is a choice. You can call the Helpline and for a minimal fee ($1.00) you can have an ad put up on the Center's community bulletin board.

The Helpline has been receiving up to a dozen calls a month, from people like you who are interested in housing, jobs, yard sales, etc. etc. etc. The possibilities are endless. What about that dog you need to find a home for? Got something you need to sell but would like to keep in the family? The list is almost endless and here is all you have to do.

If you are currently a member of the Community Center just give us a call at 471-4GAY. A volunteer will take down the information and put you on the board FREE OF CHARGE. You will have to give us your membership number. If you are not a member of the center just drop by for a visit. Bring your information on 3 X 5 piece of paper and you will be charged $1.00 per item.

Center hours are Mon. thru Fri. 6-9 pm. and 1-5 pm. on Saturdays.

What Constitutes A "Support Group"

There are several groups that meet in the Pikes Peak area that are either entirely gay or gay sensitive. All of these groups are welcome in the Community Center and all of them are given referrals over the Helpline. Several people have asked what determines a support group of the Community Center, and what does the center offer to these groups in return.

There are only three qualifications that have to be met in order to receive support group status. 1) the group must be in the best interest of the gay community, 2) the group must supply both newspapers and the Helpline with updated information and a contact person 3) the group must have a representative present at the P.P.G.C.C. Board meetings. As you can see, the Board does not require much but places emphasis on these groups being actively involved in the community.

As to what the Board does for the support groups, there has been a lot of discussion. There are several obvious benefits such as the use of the center itself and a voting position (at the Board meetings) for the group representative. Probably the biggest benefit is the support and backing the Center extends to the groups. As a part of the Gay Community Center support groups have the use of the Centers tax exempt number and non-profit status. Both are invaluable when planning events and fund raisers and must be approved by the Board before they can be used. Another advantage is the use of Center funds on a loan basis. All requests for monies have to be submitted to the Board before their monthly meeting. At that time the Board will determine how borrowed monies will be paid back. The Board of Directors realizes that there is so much more both groups can be doing to help each other. With this in mind the position of Support Group Co-ordinator was created and plans are underway for the Board members to attend support group meetings. It is hoped that by working together, everyone will be able to benefit by being a part of the Community Center.

Contacting A Support Group

By Harry Staub

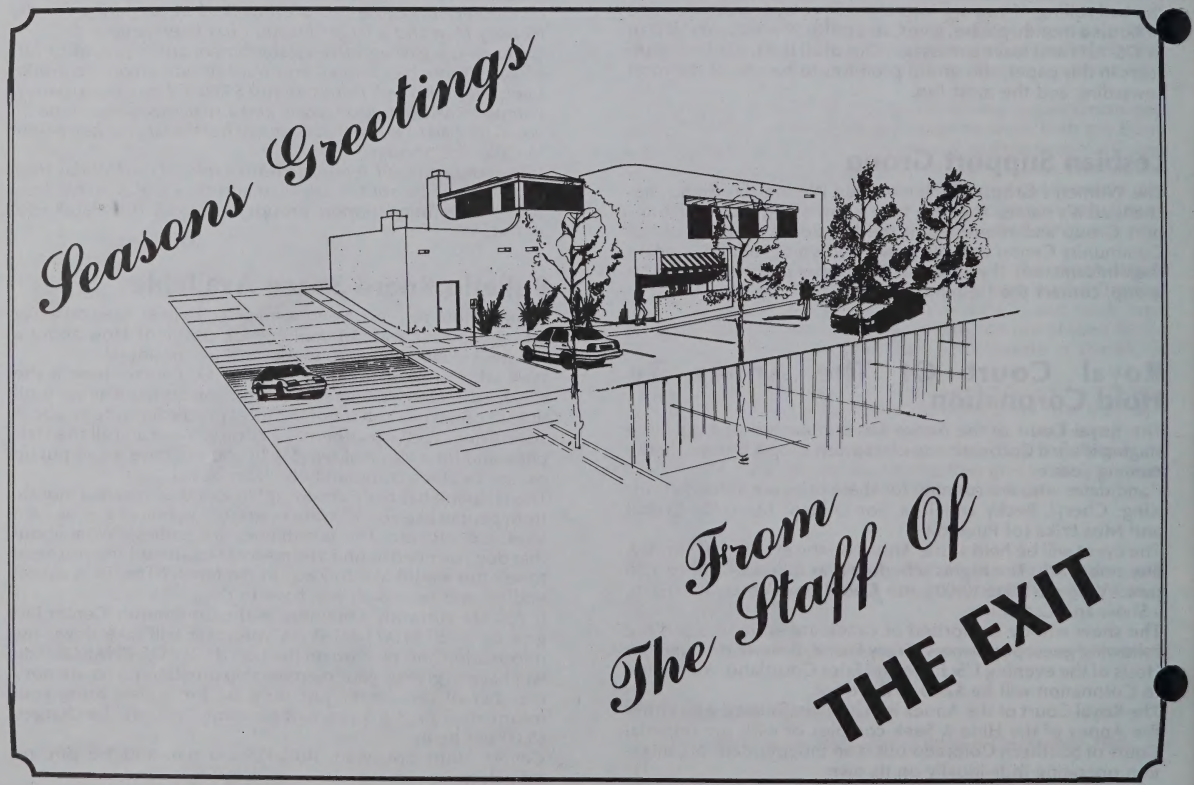
As co-ordinator of the Helpline I would like to explain our policy on referring individuals to a community group or service. In most cases, we DO NOT give out the contact person's phone number. This means that if you decide you would like to attend one of the regularly-scheduled support or referral group meetings, you should call in advance. Policy is to take the individuals name and phone number. We then place a call to the person listed in our files as the contact person. He or she will call you back, and give you the information you need on place, date and time of the meeting.

If you decide that you would like to attend a group that meets on Wednesday night, call on Monday or Tuesday. If you wait until the night of the meeting, you are taking a chance that the contact person will have already left and then you would have to wait until the following week to attend.

Getting mad at the volunteers because they will not give out a phone number does not do any good. The groups give us their phone numbers because they know we will keep them confidential. Just as we would do for you.

Volunteers Still Needed

Volunteers are still needed to help run the Community Center. Responsibilities include: maintaining center hours of operation, registration of new members and library maintainence. Job requires an average of 6 hours per month. If you are interested in volunteering some time, please call the Helpline at 471-4GAY and leave your name and number. Someone will get back to you.



L to R Bonnie Daniel (District Co-ordinator), Ruby Grammer (Pastor-Amarillo Church), Roger Webb (Permanent Pastor), Joyce Setala (Founding Minister) and Marcie Wexler (Teacher at Samaritan).

Joy Peace & Love

Pikes Peak Metropolitan Community Church Receives Charter

By Conny Seay

November 24, 1985 was a day to be remembered for Pikes Peak M.C.C. On that day the church, in its sixth year of ministry in Colorado Springs, received its official charter signifying the attainment of spiritual and financial growth for the church.

The Rev. Bonnie Daniel, current District Co-ordinator and former Pastor of P.P.M.C.C., presented the charter to Rev. Roger Webb, Pastor, and the Board of Directors during the service. The Rev. Joyce Setala, founding Pastor of P.P.M.C.C., preached on spiritual growth within the individual and the church. When Rev. Setala founded the church, she and eleven others met in a garage to hold service. The chartering service found 119 members and well wishers in attendance. Talk about growth!

The celebration was blessed with the special music and song of Patrick Dolan and the members of the church Choir. Other U.F.M.C.C. clergy participating in the service included the Rev. Ruby Brammer and the Rev. Marcie Wexler, both former members of P.P.M.C.C. Rev Roger Webb was also installed as permanent Pastor of P.P.M.C.C. during the ceremony.

The presentation of P.P.M.C.C.'s charter closed a weekend of renewal and fellowship and opened the door to continued growth of P.P.M.C.C.

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GAY HISTORY QUESTION

What is the name of the earliest known U.S. periodical published especially for lesbians?

P.P.M.C.C.- Christmas Service

By Rev. Roger Webb

For the Christmas season, in addition to the many private parties, the church will be having its traditional Candlelight Christmas Eve service at 10:30 pm. at the Unitarian Church. A choir and special candlelabra will set the mood for this time of celebrating Christ's birth for the church. Plans are under way for a possible alcohol free New Years Eve party at the church starting at 8:30 pm. Bring a dessert potluck and "candle in a candle holder." At midnight a short worship will be held to bring in 1986. Dancing will be offered on the new sound system the church has been given. Check with the church at 634-3771 after Dec. 12th to see if the New Year's plans are finalized.

AIDS Update

Test Medicine Shows Promise In AIDS Battle

Boston (AP) - An experimental medicine that appears to dissolve the AIDS virus without harming the human body is a "promising new candidate" in the war against the lethal disease, researchers report.

The researchers caution, however, that their results are very preliminary, and the drug has not been tested in AIDS patients. But if it works, the medicine will represent an entirely new approach to fighting germs.

The drug is called AL 721. It disrupts the outer coat, or envelope, of the AIDS virus so it cannot invade healthy cells. In the test tube the medicine was able to protect vulnerable white blood cells from infection by the virus.

AL 721 removes cholesterol from the virus' envelope, changing its structure. Without an intact envelope, the virus is powerless.

One of the researchers, Dr. Fulton Crews of the University of Florida, said experts have long known that solvents can kill viruses. But until now, no one has considered assaulting them inside the human body by drawing out the cholesterol that is part of their outer membranes.

"Cholesterol makes membranes rigid and hard," Crews said. "So when you pull the cholesterol out, the membrane does, in essence melt."

However, the drug does not have a disruptive effect on the cholesterol contained in normal human cells, and researchers believe that the drug's apparent safety could be a major advantage.

"This compound is very nontoxic," said Dr. Prem Sarin of the National Cancer Institute. "It doesn't do anything to normal cells at the concentration we used."

The new medicine's lack of apparent side effects "makes AL 721 a promising new candidate for clinical investigation in the treatment of AIDS and AIDS-related complex, but it should be emphasized that resutls so far are preliminary and that much more work will be required to determine the clinical usefulness of this agent," the researchers wrote in a letter in the New Englan Journal of Medicine.

Gay Men To Undergo AIDS Test

Washington (Scripps Howard News Service) - Every six months for the next four years, and possibly longer, 5,000 gay men in Pittsburgh, Baltimore, Chicago, Los Angeles and San Francisco will undergo medical tests to see if they have AIDS.

The men, all volunteers, are participating in a government-funded study that may determine why AIDS kills some people, causes a serious but non-fatal illness in others, and doesn't seem to bother most of those who get AIDS infections.

The study, which will cost $20 million, was organized in April by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and the National Cancer Institute, both of Bethesda, Md.

The 5,000 gay men taking part in the study are getting detailed physical examinations, AIDS blood tests and laboratory analyses.

Currently, AIDS is killing 5 percent to 10 percent of its victims, causing the debilitating illness called AIDS Related Complex (ARC) in another 25 percent, and making AIDS carriers of the remaining 65 percent to 70 percent.

"We just don't know why some people suffer incurable AIDS, others get ARC and others become carriers," said Dr. Richard Kaslow, chief of the infectious diseases institute's epidemiology branch.

Another major question the study may answer is whether some AIDS victims can overcome their AIDS infections.

A key aspect of the study will be an attempt to determine who has the greatest risk of contracting AIDS and why and specifically what sexual and blood contaminating practices spread the virus.

Surgeon General Urges Monogamy To Limit AIDS

New York (AP) - The spread of AIDS can be limited if people maintain faithful, monogamous sexual relationships, U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop said in an interview with an evangelical publication.

In what is described as his first public comments on the deadly disease, Koop said in an interview in the Nov. 22 issue of Christianity Today that he was offering a "public health statement," not a moral judgment.

"As a public health officer, I'm not entitled to a moral opinion in a situation like this," he said. "But the public health opinion that I give happens to coincide with a moral position of a very large segment of the country."

AIDS, which cripples the body's immune system, has occurred mainly among homosexually active males, but cases have been refported among other people.

Koop, a Presbyterian, was a Philadelphia pediatrician and vigorous opponent of abortion before being named by President Reagan to his present post.

Asked if AIDS presents a particular challenge to churches since it is linked to homosexual behavior, Koop said:

"Many will have difficulty separating what they consider sinful behavior from the consequences of that behavior. It is akin to the way the church very slowly made an about-face toward unmarried, pregnant women."

Although churches initially acted without "much love and compassion" for such women, they have reversed that position in the last decade, he said.

"Unfortunately we don't have a similar opportunity with AIDS, because it is a deadly disease with 100 percent mortality."

He said public fears were warranted, adding, "The public health threat is considerable."

There is no known cure for acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

"AIDS can be maintained at its approximate level today if people maintain mutually faithful, monogamous sexual relationships.

"The difficulty is that with the virus having leapt into the heterosexual community, you never know whether a heterosexual partner might be affected. There are reports of a very high incidence of positive virus tests among prostitutes-another source of contamination within communities."

Concerning a recent appropriation bill passed by Congress giving the surgeon general permission to take steps to prevent promiscuous homosexual activity, mainly by closing bath houses, Koop said:

"We would prefer to see the states...take whatever action is needed. But I can conceive of certain evidence coming to the fore that might indicate it makes good sense to close bathhouses.

"It would be much more difficult for many people to pursue promiscuous homosexual activity if usch meeting places were closed."

However, he said AIDS is "not highly contagious" and "is very hard to get."

Nurses Lodging AIDS Complaints

Washington - Nurses from San Francisco and Houston hospitals that treat AIDS victims say doctors, nurses and other patients are being dangerously overexposed to the deadly disease.

The charges, made Thursday to the House Republican Study Committee, allege that AIDS patients in San Francisco General Hospital are not being isolated, roam the hospital's halls at will, have close contact with pregnant women and other patients, and are allowed private visits with their lovers any time of the day or night.

Charges were leveled against Memorial City Medical Center, Houston, for mixing AIDS patients with people who have other illnesses, allowing AIDS victims to wander around, and permitting AIDS patients to share the kitchen used by nurses, visitors and other patients. *Scripps Howard News Service*

Realism Sours AIDS Hope

Caution Prevails In U.S. As French Try Out Transplant Drug

New York (AP) - A week after French researchers claimed promising results treating AIDS with the drug cyclosporine, cautions from experts and memories of false hopes appear to have muted the reaction of Americans suffering from the disease.

But the French doctors say an AIDS patient and a woman with a related condition continue to do well following therapy with the drug, which is conventionally used to prevent rejection of transplanted organs.

The announcement last week that the two had improved after five days of treatment prompted the American company that markets cyclosporine to announce it plans to sponsor further tests if details of the French data are encouraging.

Several AIDS researchers were quoted in media reports as warning that the French trial involved only a few patients, and for a very brief time. Some criticized the announcement as premature.

In the United States, hotline spokesmen and several doctors who treat AIDS say the French announcement has not produced an excited reaction from patients.

"We really didn't receive many calls on this," said Lori Behrman of the Gay Men's Health Crisis in New york. "I think part of it is that the French were criticized so early in this...I think the people really listened to what the press was saying."

At AIDS Project in Los Angeles, hotline coordinator Robert Sabonover said he believes cyclosporine prompted no major increase in calls. Callers generally have "heard it was premature, and they're wondering what's going on, but it's no big excitement" about trying to get cyclosporine, he said.

A Miami AIDS hotline has averaged two or three calls a day on cyclosporine since the French announcement, "a little bit less than average for when announcements come out," said Ellen Lyon, director of clinical and support services at the Health Crisis Network.

"People, I think, are geginning to get used to the media presenting 'the cure,' or getting false hopes," she said.

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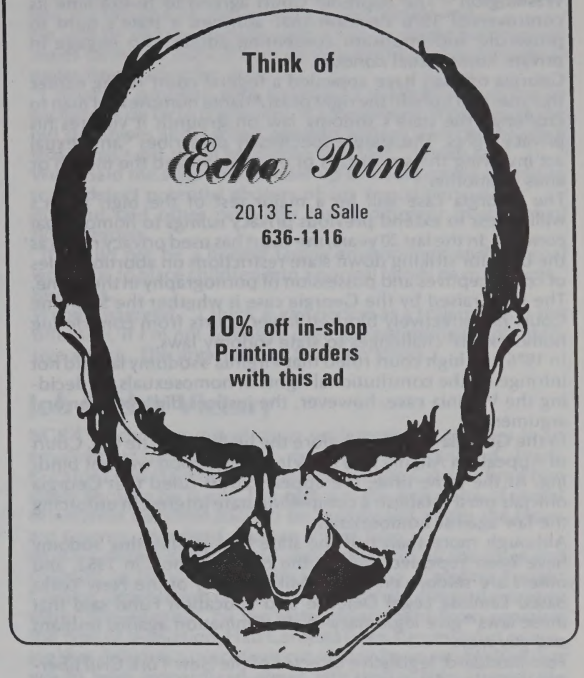

CSU Won't Exclude AIDS-Virus People

Fort Collins - Colorado State University has announced that students, staff or faculty members with the AIDS-related virus will not be excluded from academic, social or cultural activities on campus. The policy was based on information from state and federal health experts and the American College Health Association, a spokesman said. CSU said decisions about institutional housing for those with AIDS would be made on an individual basis.

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Gay Privacy Issue Faces Crucial Test

Washington - The Supreme Court agreed to re-examine its controversial 1976 decision that affirmed a state's right to prosecute and imprision consenting adults who engage in private homosexual conduct.

Georgia officials have appealed a federal court ruling earlier this year that upheld the right of an Atlanta homosexual man to challenge the state's sodomy law on grounds it violates his privacy rights. The statute specifically prescribes "any sexual act involving the sex organs of one person and the mouth or anus of another."

The Georgia case will be a major test of the high court's willingness to extend previous privacy rulings to homosexual conduct. In the last 20 years, the court has used privacy rights as the basis for striking down state restrictions on abortion, sales of contraceptives and possession of pornography in the home.

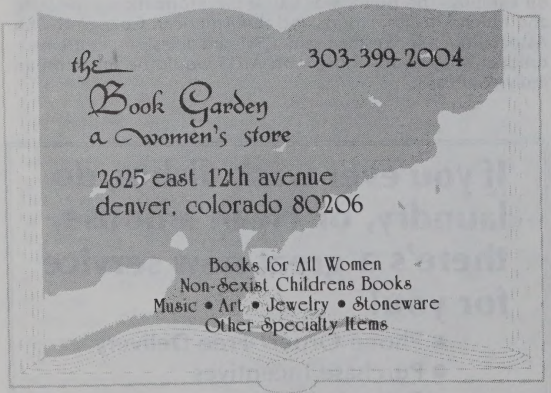
The issue raised by the Georgia case is whether the Supreme Court has effectively blocked lower courts from considering homosexuals' challenges to state sodomy laws.

In 1976, the high court ruled that Virginia's sodomy law did not infringe on the constitutional rights of homosexuals. In deciding the Virginia case, however, the justices did not hear oral arguments.

In the Georgia case now before the high court, the U.S. Court of Appeals in Atlanta said the Virginia decision was not binding. At the same time, the appeals court ruled that Georgia officials must establish a compelling state interest in enforcing the law against homosexuals.

Although more than half the state laws prohibiting sodomy have been repealed, as was the one in Illinois in 1962, and others are seldom enforced, Mike Conley of the New York-based Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund said that these laws "give legitimacy to discrimination against lesbians and gay men."

Tom Stoddard, legislative director of the New York Civil liberties Union, said that sodomy laws "create an aura of criminality around homosexuals in jobs, housing and parental custody." A "negative ruling" by the high court, he said, "Will encourage states, particularly in reaction to the hysteria over AIDS to recriminalize homosexual acts."



Lesbian Ex-Mayor Indicted In Fraud

Los Angeles - Valerie Terrigno, the first openly lesbian U.S. mayor, pleaded innocent Monday to charges that she embezzled $11,000 in federal funds intended for the poor and homeless. Ms. Terrigno, 32, the former mayor of the year-old city of West Hollywood, appeared before U.S. District Judge Laughlin E. Waters, who set a tentative trial date of Jan. 7.

Ms. Terrigno is charged with taking funds she controlled in 1983 and 1984, when she was executive director of Crossroads Counseling.

Sodomy In The Supreme Court

The U.S. supreme Court will be presented with petitions to review two sodomy laws this fall. If the Court accepts either case for a full review, it is likely they will issue a decision that will affect our rights well into the 21st century. Most legal observers speculate that the Court will in fact accept at least one of the cases.

At issue are contrary rulings by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth and Eleventh Circuits. This past Spring, in the Eleventh Circuit, the court held that the Constitutional right to privacy protects homosexual activity. The ruling was made in a case that challenged the legality of the Georgia sodomy law. NGRA wrote a joint *amicus curiae* brief, with Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, for the Court of Appeals.

At the end of August, the fifth Circuit, sitting *en banc* (all 16 judges) upheld the constitutionality of the Texas sodomy law by a 9 to 7 vote. The Court held that "in view of the strong objection to homosexual conduct, which has prevailed in western culture for the past seven centuries..."the statute was not"...totally unrelated to the pursuit of implementing morality, a permissible state goal." NGRA was "of counsel" before the Court and had written an *amicus* brief and presented oral arguments when the case first came before the three-judge appellate panel in 1984. We had argued that Texas ought not be allowed to use AIDS as a rationale justifying a sodomy statute.

A petition for review in the supreme Court has already been filed by the Georgia Attorney General. A petition in the Texas case will be filed in early November. Review by the Supreme Court is discretionary and they do not have to take either case. However, one of the things the Supreme Court traditionally does is resolve the conflicts between the various Circuit Courts of Appeal.

The decision whether to take the Georgia case could come as early as the first week in October; on the Texas case probably not until after the first of the year. Only four of the nine Justices need to vote for taking the case for it to be accepted. *NGRA*

Brief Filed In Consortium Case

NGRA has filed a brief with the California Court of Appeal in a suit for loss of "consortium"-a legal term for "marital companionship." The plaintiff in the lawsuit is James Crabtree. His lover of ten years, Jack Allen, was stabbed by an assailant and died in Crabtree's arms.

There is no question that if Crabtree and Allen had been lawfully married, Crabtree would be able to sue for his loss of consortium. The trial court dismissed the suit because they were not married. Of course, Crabtree and Allen could not have been married because no state permits lesbians or gay men to be married to their same-sex lovers.

A few years ago the California Court of Appeals ruled that a heterosexual couple need not be married to maintain a similar lawsuit, so long as they had a "stable and significant" relationship. We hope to expand and further define that principle to include gay and lesbian couples. *into the courts*

Telephone CO. Trial Coming Up

The case of *Gay Law Students v. Pacific Telephone & Telegraph* has already been to the California Supreme Court once. That decision resulted in the landmark ruling that it is unlawful for all California employers to discriminate against lesbians and gay men in employment opportunities.

The issue left to be decided is the extent of PT&T's liability. We had been discussing settlement proposals with PT&T for some time when they suddenly broke off the talks. The evidence that PT&T discriminated in employment practices is overwhelming. So, NGRA will be taking PT&T to court to make them pay for their discrimination.

A trial date has been set for next Spring. Trial preparations are beginning now. Stephen Bomse of Heller, Ehrman, White & McAuliffe is NGRA's lead counsel in this lawsuit. ...*into the courts*

Springs Representative's Bill Would Ban Gay Foster Parents

Denver - Most homosexuals could be denied licenses to provide foster care in Colorado, under a bill to be considered by the Colorado Legislature next year.

State Rep. Mike Bird, R-Colorado Springs, said he will introduce a bill requiring the state Department of Social Services to "explicitly consider" a would-be foster parent's homosexuality and, unless there were special circumstances, use it as a basis for denying a foster-care license.

There currently is no state policy governing homosexuals as foster parents, said George Kawamura, associate director of the state Department of Social Services, which sets licensing requirements for foster homes.

But Kawamura said he wasn't aware of any cases in which homosexuals were foster parents, and said the department would be leery of such an application in any case.

"We should look at the situation very closely," he said.

Bird said he decided against an outright ban on homosexual foster parents to allow for special circumstances in which the applicant could be especially helpful to a child.

Those special circumstances, along with other terms of the bill, have yet to be defined, Bird said.

But "as a general thing I want to discourage it because of the possibility of abuse - just from a common sense standpoint it is not an appropriate thing," he said.

But the bill cam under quick fire from local gay-rights activists.

"You're striking where the danger is least. You are also depriving children of a whole category of potentially good care. You're depriving a whole category of adult citizens of the potential for contact and caring relationships with children," said Paul Kutche, a former board member of the Pikes Peak Gay Community Center.

Bird said his interest in the bill was sparked by a recent "Sixty Minutes" report on a Kansas boy who killed his adoptive father after years of sexual abuse by the older man.

While statistics don't indicate homosexuals necessarily have a greater propensity for child abuse that heterosexuals, a single homosexual male who cared for a young boy would present a higher risk, Bird said.

"I think there's a higher propensity for homosexuals to sexually abuse children of the same sex," he said.

Bird said the Social Services department already has a rule that prevents a single heterosexual male from caring for a female child. The rule requiring homosexuality to be considered in making a placement would be another "common-sence check," he said.

"I guess I can't stress enough that the whole thought behind it is child protection," he said.

Kawamura said the department wouldn't let a single man care for a girl, but doesn't have a stated policy governing that question either.

But Kutche said statistics show that homosexuals are far less likely than their heterosexual counterparts to abuse children of either sex.

"Such statistics as are available indicate quite clearly that heterosexuals abuse children far more even when you consider them as a percentage of their proportion of society," Kutche said.

Roger Webb, pastor at Pikes Peak Metropolitan Community Church, which serves a gay congregation agrees.

"Incest and child abuse is a problem within the nuclear family, It isn't a gay problem and therefore there isn't a need for this law. It's focused on the wrong group," Webb said.

He said he had no problem with a ban on single homosexual males caring for boys, if a similar rule prohibited heterosexual males from caring for girls.

"I have no problem with equality of protection..but just to exclude us *de facto* is ignorant. It's prejudiced. It continues the old sterotypes and, sadly, Colorado Springs is so conservative that it can't get rid of legislators like that," Webb said.

Webb said the state should beef up all background checks to try to detect potential abusers of any sexual persuasion.

But Bird said other problems justify different treatment of homosexuals.

"It would not be a normal family environment and the goal would be to place children into a normal family environment," Bird said.

Webb disagreed. "I think a gay person as a role model is not offensive. If I'm not offensive then gay parenting is not offensive either...The argument of tradition stinks."

Job Rights Victory

NGRA reached an out of court settlement this summer in an employment discrimination case in rural Maryland. Frank Rockford had claimed that Caroline Freight Carriers fired him solely because he is gay. The case was the first claim of sexual orientation discrimination to be prosecuted under the Howard County, Maryland, Human Rights Law.

NGRA's victory had a special significance for all the cities and counties in the country with similar laws. Caroline Freight Carriers' defense was based on a theory that cities and counties were "pre-empted" by the state government from enacting this type of legislation. Had Carolina been successful in pursuing that defense, a precedent could have been established that would have jeopardized about fifty similar laws around the country.

The case serves as a warning to employers; if you discriminate, you're going to be held accountable. Furthermore, this case illustrates the importance of local anti-bias laws in achieving equal rights.

Rockford was with Carolina for eight Years and held a managerial position when he was let go during a departmental "reorganization." NGRA has contended this was a mere pretext for discrimination.

Susan Silber, an attorney practicing in Maryland and Washington, D.C., was NGRA's cooperating counsel on this case. *NGRA*

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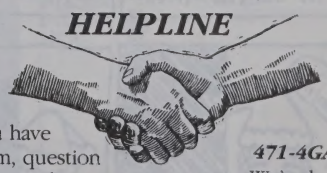

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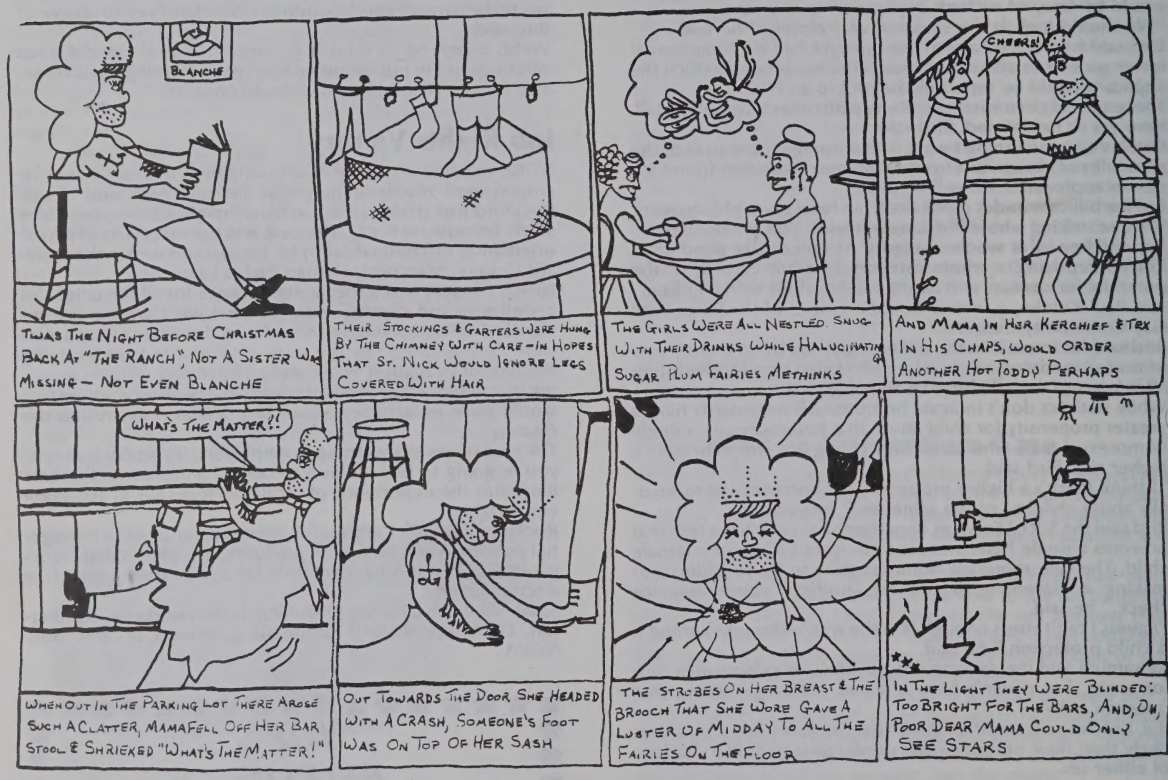

'TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS BACK AT "THE RANCH", NOT A SISTER WAS MISSING — NOT EVEN BLANCHE

THEIR STOCKINGS & GARTERS WERE HUNG BY THE CHIMNEY WITH CARE — IN HOPES THAT ST. NICK WOULD IGNORE LEGS COVERED WITH HAIR

THE GIRLS WERE ALL NESTLED SNUG WITH THEIR DRINKS WHILE HALUCINATIN SUGAR PLUM FAIRIES METHINKS

AND MAMA IN HER KERCHIEF & TEX IN HIS CHAPS, WOULD ORDER ANOTHER HOT TODDY PERHAPS

WHEN OUT IN THE PARKING LOT THERE AROSE SUCH A CLATTER, MAMA FELL OFF HER BAR STOOL & SHRIEKED "WHAT'S THE MATTER!"

OUT TOWARDS THE DOOR SHE HEADED WITH A CRASH, SOMEONE'S FOOT WAS ON TOP OF HER SASH

THE STROBES ON HER BREAST & THE BROOCH THAT SHE WORE GAVE A LUSTER OF MIDDAY TO ALL THE FAIRIES ON THE FLOOR

IN THE LIGHT THEY WERE BLINDED: TOO BRIGHT FOR THE BARS, AND, OH, POOR DEAR MAMA COULD ONLY SEE STARS

JUST WHEN SHE REALIZED SHE WAS ABOUT TO GET SICK, SOMBONE CRASHED THROUGH THE DOOR, IT MUST BE ST. NICK

MORE RAPID THAN EAGLES HIS HELPERS THEY CAME & HE WHISTLED & SHOUTED & CALLED THEM BY NAME

"ON SCOTTY & BILLY & ANDREW — YOU VIXEN, WE'VE COME HERE TO PARTY — GO OUT & GET MIXING"

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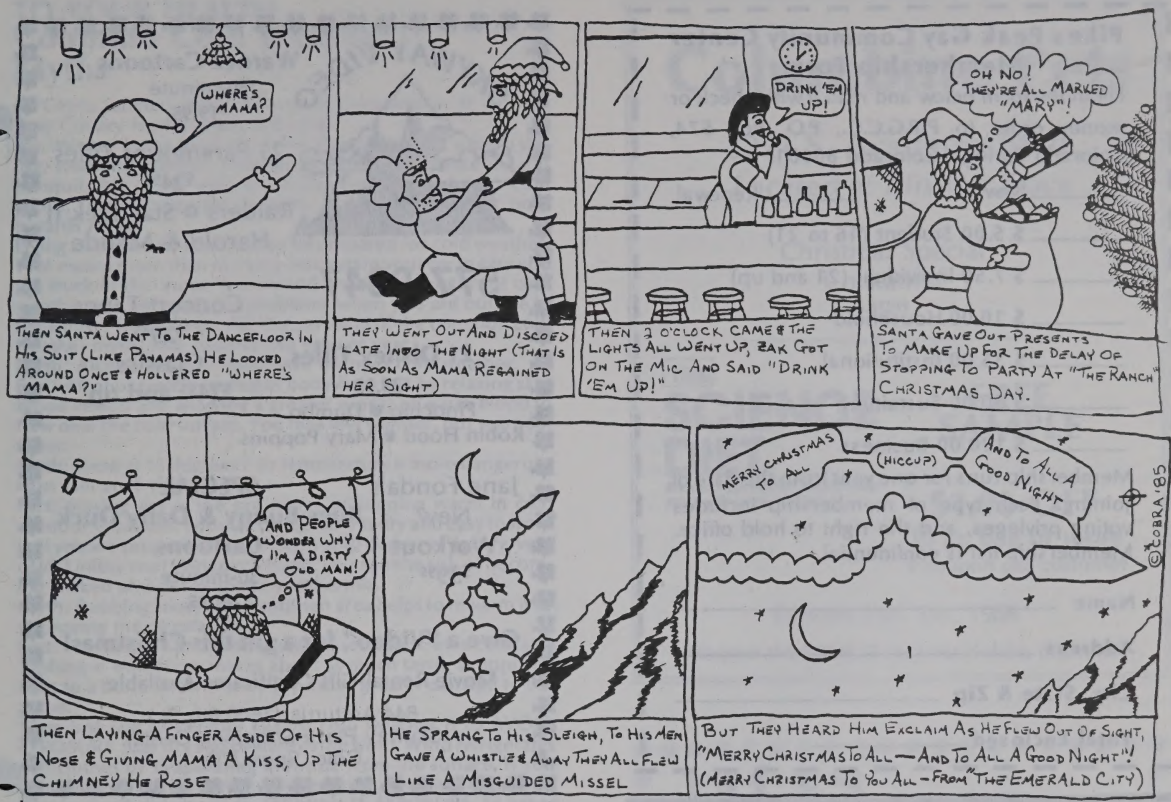
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DRINK 'EM UP!
THEN 2 O'CLOCK CAME & THE LIGHTS ALL WENT UP, ZAK GOT ON THE MIC AND SAID "DRINK 'EM UP!"
OH NO! THEY'RE ALL MARKED "MARY"!
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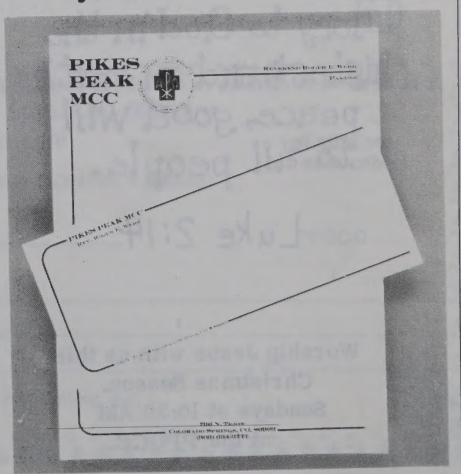

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TO YOUR HEALTH
Common Cold Weather Myths

By Gloria Latimer, Health Education Coordinator, El Paso County Health dept., 578-3108.

Ah...Winter in the Rockies; Snow Capped peaks, superb skiing, steaming hottubs, crisp air. It's beautiful, peaceful, and tranquil. But along with the tranquility nature brings cold winds, unexpected rain showers, and wet snows that pose hazards for us.

Living in Colorado you need to be prepared for cold weather. That means more than carrying blankets in your car in case you get stuck in the snow. You should know the dangers of cold weather and be ready for problems when you are outside in the winter. This column will discuss some of the common cold weather myths that abound this time of year.

Myth: Alcohol helps to keep you warm in cold weather.

Fact: Alcohol greatly increases body heat loss by relaxing skin blood vessels and allowing a greater supply of warm blood to flow near the cold surface. You may feel warmer, but you cool faster.

Myth: Snow at 15 degrees F air temperature is more dangerous than rain at 40 degrees F.

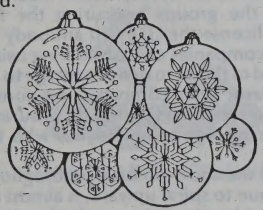
Fact: Staying dry is the big secret to keeping warm in cold outdoor situations. Snow at 15 degrees F is dry and easy to work in if you are properly dressed. Rain at 40 degrees F is very, very cold. Unless your raingear is good, you run the risk of becoming soaked and developing hypothermia.

Myth: Rubbing snow on a frosbitten area helps to rewarm it by improving the circulation.

Fact: Frostbite is a localized injury caused by extreme cold, and rubbing it with snow makes about as much sense as applying heat to a burn. Snow will simply cause greater damage to the tissue.

Your first line of defense against cold weather is to AVOID EXPOSURE. Stay dry and beware of the wind. Wind refrigerates wet clothes by evaporating moistrue from the surface. If you cannot stay dry and warm under existing weather conditions, Your second defense is to TERMINATE EXPOSURE. In other words, get out of it! Be smart enough to give up reaching the peak, finishing that last mile, taking the final run of the day, or whatever you had your mind set on.

Respect the weather and go out for your favorite winter pastimes prepared.



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YOU AND THE LAW
HTLV-III Testing - A.I.D.S. - Employment

By Gloria Mackie - Executive Co-ordinator of C.A.R.E.

Very few diseases have the potential, as does A.I.D.S., for producing civil rights and political shock waves. Already some people have felt, and are suffering from, phobia fall-out. There are some things that you, the people of the general workforce, might find useful when dealing with employment issues.

HIRING/FIRING: Many companies are getting increasingly uncomfortable at the prospect of having to deal with employees who might have been exposed to the HTLV-III virus; who have warning signs of A.I.D.S. (A.R.C.), or who clearly have A.I.D.S. The legal rights specifically relating to people with A.R.C./A.I.D.S. are, as yet, ill-defined and are developing in a patchwork fashion at the federal, state and local level. But there are already well-defined legal paths for dealing with such employees. Companies and employees should be aware that **workers with A.R.C./A.I.D.S. are covered by laws and regulations already in existence - these are the laws which protect the handicapped from discrimination.**

In more that 40 states it is now illegal for a company to discriminate against people whose disability does not disqualify them from **normal** work. Companies working on federal projects or supported by federal funding are automatically barred from such discrimination regardless of the state in which they are located. Los Angeles has passed specific legislation making is illegal to discriminate against any one with A.R.C./A.I.D.S.

Most laws that protect disabled peoples **also prohibit discrimination on the basis of perceived disabilities - and this would include people who have taken the HTLV-III antibody test, regardless of the results of the test.** A company which refuses to hire someone because he/she is suspect of being at risk for A.I.D.S., or if it is known that he/she has A.R.C./A.I.D.S., is inviting a suit. A business **cannot refuse to hire someone because of the threat of a disease -** but companies are also **not obligated to hire** such workers. A company cannot fire someone who has tested positive for HTLV-III antibody; who has A.R.C./A.I.D.S. Once again they would be inviting a law suit based on the regulations making it illegal to discriminate against those with disabilities.

In approximately 40 cities it is illegal to discriminate against hiring homosexuals. In other cities, a business that refuses to hire gays because they are a group at high risk for A.I.D.S., is inviting legal action because of discrimination on the basis of perceived disability.

What companies can, and should, do is to grant sick leave to workers with A.R.C./A.I.D.S the same way it is granted to other workers. A worker put on paid sick leave and asked not to come to work does not have grounds for legal action. But the worker must have a confirmed illness rendering them incapable of doing **normal** work. This cannot be used as a means simply to get rid of gay employees or people who have gay friends or relatives. (there is currently a case pending on these grounds.)

No company, at present, can legally justify or successfully defend denying benefits to an employee who has tested HTLV-III positive; who has A.R.C./A.I.D.S. Companies might try, by arguing that the danger of contagion is substantial to other employees. Nobody in the medical/research community can pin-point when an infected person becomes contagious. Most responsible medical/research people are agreed that the HTLV-III is not transmitted by casual contact.

CONFIDENTIALITY: Lack of confidentiality in dealing with HTLV-III positive; A.R.C./A.I.D.S. employees opens employers to legal risk. All medical information about all employees is strictly confidential. In the light of the public panic about A.I.D.S., confidentiality does not stop at businesses but includes all health-care professionals and allied personel. The dissemination of information of an individual's medical condition is on a "need to know" basis only - doctors and nurses in hospitals, nursing homes, hospices, home-care services. These people are bound by the same laws as anyone else.

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DISABILITY BENEFITS: For medical /research purposes A.R.C./A.I.D.S. has been specifically definded by the Center for Disease Control (C.D.C.). This definition is based on the appearance of certain well-defined infections and accompanying symptoms. Any employee with C.D.C.-defined A.R.C/A.I.D.S. is automatically entitled to disability benefits even though they might still be capable of working. Employees on paid sick leave can be moved to disability coverage **when they qualify medically.** Disability benefits are generally lower than salaries, so deliberately shifting an employee to disability coverage is not legal. If an employee is capable of working, he/she could charge discrimination and financial damage. There must be medical grounds for reclassification to disability coverage.

INSURANCE: Employee health insurance plans are of great concern to companies. Businesses can be held responsible under E.R.I.S.A. (Employee Retirement Security Act - a Congressional Tax Act passd in 1976 and continually updated) for handling medical/hospital costs of A.R.C./A.I.D.S. employees if health insurance carriers refuse to cover such individuals. It might get to a point where privte companies may have to self-insure. Health insurance coverage for A.R.C./A.I.D.S. sufferers is getting very complicated and has every indication of surging to the front of the legal/political/civil rights controversy surrounding A.I.D.S.

At present most health insurance companies still cover medical/hospital costs for A.R.C./A.I.D.S. sufferers, but the costs are rising. A.I.D.S. patients are living longer primarily because diagnoses are being made earlier as a result of improved medical/research knowledge. As treatments improve the life span of patients with full-blown A.I.D.S. promises to be even longer. Health insurance carriers are looking at this with a very jaundice eye - they can forsee a tremendous outpouring of insurance company $$$ because HTLV-III infection, with possible developement into A.I.D.S., is affecting that part of the population which usually supports insurance companies by premium payments!

Insurance companies are not covering the cost of new treatments because they are classified as "experimental." Some health insurance carriers are refusing to pay claims on the grounds that A.I.D.S. was a "pre-existing" condition. They justify this stance because of the indeterminate incubation period between HTLV-III infection and the subsequent development of A.I.D.S. symptoms! This promises to be fertile ground for legal battles.

DENYING INSURANCE BENEFITS: Health insurance companies were one of the groups pressuring the Federal Drug Administration to license the HTLV-III antibody test to screen individuals. Some companies are considering using test results (if they can get hold of them) to **deny coverage to individuals in group coverage plans;** some companies are considering writing exclusionary clauses into group health insurance contracts that would deny coverage to employees who later develop A.I.D.S.

WHAT NEXT? That the socio-political embroglio surrounding A.I.D.S. will continue to spiral upward, is almost certain. Most people are reasonable, given time and education. It is up to you to make the effort to educate yourself and others; it is up to you to know what your rights are and how they can be applied, with fairness, to all concerned.

You do not have to prove anything to your employer other than that you are a good, honest and capable worker. Your employer does not have to give you special treatment but, by law, they must treat you fairly.

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WOMEN'S HEALTH
Return To Criminal Abortions?

By Roxanne Ellis

I cannot believe that there are still people out there who are working hard at trying to reverse the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States on the issue of abortion. If we allow this to happen we will be taking a giant step backwards in the field of women't health.

It is ironic that were it not for the fact that abortion is legal, the Right to Life Movement would garner little sympathy from the majority of Americans.

Those who believe in personal freedom--those who believe that a women should have the right to make her own reproductive choices--can rely only on the philosophical strength of their argument. Fortunately, those who do believe in individual freedom no longer have to present photos of mangled women who were once the victims of criminal abortionists. These photos are, luckily, only vague reminders of a distant past. They do not have the same emotional appeal as photographs of an aborted fetus. Most Americans do not realize that abortion was originally made illegal in the 19th century as a public health measure. The moral issue was secondary. It was a simple fact that too many women were dying from criminal abortion and the anti-aboriton laws were passed in an attempt to protect women.

Similarly, most Americans do not realize that by the mid-1960s, complications from criminal abortions once again became a leading cause of maternal death. It was this fact that state legislatures could no longer ignore, the United States Supreme Court decision notwithstanding.

If abortion is again made illegal in the U.S., criminal abortion would quickly return. Women would die. Unfortunately, as a result of this; the Pro-Choice Movement would find itself supplied with a propaganda weapon far more powerful than the Right to Life Movement now enjoys.

We all know full well that a woman, confronted with a pregnancy she does not want, will do anything necessary to rid herself of that pregnancy. The fact that abortion might be illegal is of no concern to her. How then can americans, who have seen past generations of women die from criminal abortions, champion a cause that would condemn future generations of women to the same fate?

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8th-I.C.S.C. Winter Cotillion "Babes in Toyland," 6:00 p.m. at the Clarion Hotel.
Denver Gay Men's Chorus Boettcher Concert Hall, tickets available at the door.
Holly Near Concert, 8:00 p.m. at the Loretto Heights Theater. Tickets on sale at Gart Bros. in Denver.

11th-Pops on Ice today thru the 15th at the Broadmoor.

14th-Holiday Hop Community Christmas Party, 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Grahams.

15-C.A.R.E. Guest speaker, Valrie Ellison will speak on Crisis Intervention at 1:00. Open to C.A.R.E. and Helpline members only.

21-Helpline Christmas Party, 7:00 p.m. at Dan Lykins.
I.C.S.C. Christmas Party, 7:30 p.m. at David G's.

24-P.P.M.C.C. Christmas Eve Service, 10:30 p.m. at 730 N. Tejon.

25-CHRISTMAS
P.P.M.C.C. Christmas Party

P.P.M.C.C. New Year's Eve Party (call the church to verify) 8:30 p.m., non-alcohol.

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Who Are Your Heroes?

By M.L. Bean

...better you should ask, who aren't your heroes? (The categroy is not confined to names, but may include types, groups, and so forth.)

Of course, historians, English teachers and Jeopardy writers,...do not omit the media...can dictate definitions, with examples, of heroes. They are event-makers or eventful...ie: they leave impressions. They are creators of classics: the arts, fine and martial, craftsmen...at politics, understanding, being human...adept at anticipating and helping. They are leaders; they are family: they are lofty, they are low. But are they everywhere?

I contend that real heroes are disappearing. The phenomenon engendered by "Rambo" types is indicative of our standards and needs. He accentuates the thesis that genuine herors are hard to come by. Perhaps technology has gobbled them up. We scrutinize closely, then measure, several ways, results. The writer of deeply-moving, soul-stimulating music is "gay." The virtuous patriarch secretly sips. Given a "truth in packaging" posture, who survives? Billy Graham forsook (if it's not, it should be) Richard Nixon when the latter proved a curser. (My aged Mother followed suit.) Leaders in business, the arts, politics, science, service tumble to the innuendo, the outright "mea culpa," the soft lie.

What is the criteria? Are there any absolutes left? Implying that there were some in the first place.) Do there need to be? Have we turned from the "cloth" hero to the "disposable?" Does it matter?

I should think a hero "acts." He or she (or they) does what we want to, but don't think of, in time. The hero seems not to be prey to feet of clay, dragging through daily (hourly) muddy paths. He's rarely victim of other's machinations or desires or standards, but rather holds more firmly to self beliefs, based on more generous feelings. Maybe the hero perceives more of the meaning of life...its purposes and possibilities. I'm sure there are more the meaning of life...its purposes and possibilities. I'm sure there are more definitions and more adjectives. The Thesaurus lists "brave, valiant, fearless, gallant...see courage." Other reputable dictionaries add, "fortitude or boldness," "larger than life," "admired for achievement and qualities," while one couations that hero worship is "enthusiastic or extravagant admiration for distinguished personages."

So, are there any heroes? The Nobel and other organizations prizes seek out accomplished individuals who, to some, must be heroes, if only for their tangible efforst for mankind. There are some people whose name inevitably "come up" if such a discussion begins. In a recent exercise, 9 out of 12 adults greatly admired a family member: few drew on modern personages. Most historical figures of importance are pre-computers, and somehow, we care less about the sins of the deceased.

Perhaps through elimination...,."you can't be a hero because..." we can rediscover what's important to the process of living, and what's not...and act accordingly. I think heroes are necessary to growth: of self, community, nation and world-...short lived heroes to obtain the "second step," and longer-term heroes to shape overall philosophy. If there is a shortage, then we need to contribute to a hero bank...exacting standards and requirements...to be used as needed.

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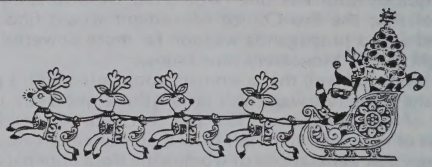

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CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

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THANK YOU FOR CALLING THE HELPLINE

By Harry Staub

At the last Helpline meeting, the group decided to make a few changes. The volunteers feel that their energies should be channeled more towards improving the line itself and less towards fund raising for the community center. The Board of Directors of the Community Center has appointed a fund raising chairperson and the Helpline feels this would be the perfect time to start concentrating on guest speakers, classes and more involvement with the support groups.

Talk about perfect timing, C.A.R.E. has just scheduled Valerie Ellison as a guest speaker. She will be talking to their group on December 15th at 1:00. The topic will be Crisis intervention and the members of the Helpline have been invited to attend.

It was decided that the Block Party would be our fund raiser for the year and that planning on that event should start as soon as possible after the Holidays.

We had two new volunteers start this month, Cheryl and Sheree. Both have completed training and have already started working their own shifts. After having several volunteers take leaves of absense last month (some have been answering the phones for two years) these two volunteers have come along at just the right time. Thank You Ladies!

With the Holidays being as busy as they are for everyone, we will not be having a regular meeting in December. Instead the group will be meeting at Dan Lykin's house for a Christmas Party on Dec. 17 at 7:00 pm. Several of the members will also be getting together on Sunday the 8th, plans are to have dinner and then carpool into Denver for the Denver Gay Men's Chorus, Christmas Show. Anyone interested in attending with the group is welcome, just give us a call at 471-4GAY to make arrangements. To all of our friend out there the Helpline wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and SAFE New Year.

You know, if we plan these Christmas Parties right...we won't have to buy groceries for the rest of the month!

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C.A.R.E. – Coordinators Meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Sundays at the Community Center.
"COUNT ME IN" – Thursdays between 7:30 and 9:00 p.m. open to everyone.
DIGNITY (Catholic support group) – Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m.
GAY ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS – Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:00 p.m. In the church basement at 730 N. Tejon.
GAY HELPLINE – 471–4GAY volunteers work the phones Monday thru Friday 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., Saturday from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month.
IMPERIAL COURT OF SOUTHERN COLORADO – For information call 471–7468
MARANATHA MCC – Meets Sundays at 10:00 am. at the Community Center.
NETWORK – 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month, 6:00 to 9:00 P.M., upstairs at the Exit.
"Out And About" – Meets Mondays at 7:00 p.m. on the C.C. Campus.
PIKES PEAK MCC – Sunday Service 5:00 pm. at 7:30 N. Tejon.
SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE CLINIC – 510 N. Foote Avenue, minors examined without parents consent, information confidential, nominal fee. Call 636–0147
SPEAKERS BUREAU – Call Helpline for information.
TERROS CRISIS AND COUNSELING HOTLINE – Call 471–4127
THE WOMEN'S GROUP – Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

For further information regarding the groups above, call 471–4GAY.

GAY GAY
A Holiday Present to Yourself

By Roger Webb, Pastor PPMCC

We are going into the Holiday season when we are supposed to get in the "spirit" of the season. I remember when I lived in Long Beach, Calif., along the freeway for miles the billboards would show you that the "spirit" of the Holiday season came in liquor bottles.

I am not a recovering alcoholic or drug abuser, but in my role as Pikes Peak MCC pastor I work a great deal with chemical abuse. Most of the relationship counselling I do has a drug or alcohol factor tearing up the relationship. I got a call from a man who had been in a relationship for just under twenty years and they were both fighting to save that long term relationship from the years of alcohol abuse.

The Living Free Group, also referred to as "Gay A.A." has grown from three nights to five nights a week and now has an Alanon group. Alanon meets on Tuesday nights and is for people who, while not themselves alcoholic, have a significant friend or lover needing help dealing with alcohol abuse. On Thursday nights an all women's group meets.

Are you worried about how much you'll drink this holiday season and have begun to make plans to enjoy the booze and not get into any problems? Does the approaching season fill you with anxiety? Have the "merry making...known as drinking until you can't feel the anxiety"... plans been set?

Don't do this to yourself. So much of gay life has revolved around alcohol-be it bars, parties or just get-togethers. Enjoy the spirit of th season but let it be a healthy non-destructive time. Give yourself a real Holiday present...get sober and try A.A.

Parents and Friends of Gays

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C.A.R.E. needs volunteers to answer the phone both in the center and at your home (call forwarding) 1-nite a week. Call 635-2333.

Community Center Volunteers Duties to include maintaining Library and Center hours. Registration of new members. Job will require approx. 6 hours per month. Call 471-4GAY.

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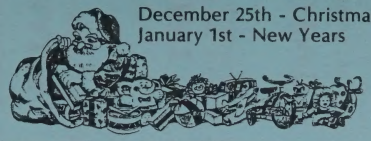
DATES TO REMEMBER December 25th - Christmas January 1st - New Years 		Peace & Joy		**December 5** **P.P.M.C.C.** - Midweek Worship at 7:00 pm. **M.M.C.C.** - Bible Study at 7:00 pm., call Helpline for info. **Count Me In** - 7:30 pm., call the Helpline for info. **P.P.M.C.C.** - Choir Rehearsal, 8:00 p.m.	6 	7 **Merry Christmas Colorado Springs** - More than 60 decorated trees on display, free entertainment and refreshments. Today and Tomorrow at the Fine Arts Center. **P.P.M.C.C.** - Christmas Decorating Party/Potluck at 5:30 pm.
8 **M.M.C.C.** - Worship Service, 10:30 am., at the Community Center. **Lesbian Support Group** - Brunch at the 2735 Club, everyone welcome to attend. Starts between 12:00 and 12:30. **C.A.R.E.** - 1:00 pm., at the Community Center. **P.P.M.C.C.** - Choir Rehearsal at 3:30. Worship Service, 5:00 pm., at 730 N. Tejon. **I.C.S.C.** - Winter Cotillion, 6:00 pm., at the Clarion Hotel.	9 **Can We Talk** - 7:00 pm., at the Community Center. **Dignity** - Bishop Hannefin will conduct 3rd Anniversary Service. Call Betty or Elicia at 591-4342 for information.	10 **P.P.M.C.C.** - Bible Study, 7:00 pm. at 5725 Del Paz.	11 **P.P.M.C.C.** - Prayer Breakfast at 7:00 am. **Lesbian Support Group** - 7:00 pm., call the Helpline for info. **P.P.M.C.C.** - Board of Directors, 7:00 pm., at 930 N.Corona. **Pops On Ice** - Today thru the 15th at the Broadmoor World Arena.	12 **I.C.S.C** - Court Dinner, 6:00 pm., at the Exit. **P.P.M.C.C.** - Mid Week Worship at 7:00 pm. Choir Rehearsal at 8:00 pm. **M.M.C.C.** - Bible Study at 7:00 pm., call Helpline for info. **Count Me In** - 7:30 pm., call the Helpline for info.	13 	14 **Network** - "Holiday Hop," 3:00 pm.-7:00 pm. at Graham's **I.C.S.C.** - Court Show at El Chapperal, 11:00 pm.
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